

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

**ANGELO M. ONG-VELOSO, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 26164  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-08-0089B

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR  
LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Angelo M. Ong-Veloso, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.

3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

4. The Board may adopt this Consent Agreement or any part thereof. This Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against Respondent.

5. This Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver,

1 express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other  
2 pending or future investigation, action or proceeding. The acceptance of this Consent  
3 Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from  
4 instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject  
5 of this Consent Agreement.

6 6. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
7 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
8 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
9 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
10 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
11 any other state or federal court.

12 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to  
13 the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the  
14 Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
15 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
16 by the parties.

17 8. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not  
18 assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement constitutes  
19 bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

20 9. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will  
21 be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the  
22 National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Arizona Medical Board's website.

23 10. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise  
24 unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force  
25 and effect.

1        11. Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct  
2 and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order,  
3 probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its  
4 executive director under this chapter") and 32-1451.

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## FINDINGS OF FACT

1  
2 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
3 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

4 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 26164 for the practice of  
5 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

6 3. The Board initiated case number MD-08-0089B after receiving notification of  
7 a malpractice settlement involving Respondent's care and treatment of a twenty-one year-  
8 old male patient ("JC").

9 4. On April 28, 2004, JC was admitted to the hospital with a right foot abscess  
10 and prior syncopal episodes. A surgical consultant suspected disseminated tuberculosis  
11 with immunosuppression. Additionally, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan showed a  
12 peripheral enhancing mass suspicious of an abscess with associated osteomyelitis. An  
13 orthopedic consultant recommended Respondent transfer JC to a tertiary care facility for  
14 an infectious disease (ID) consultation. Respondent unsuccessfully attempted to transfer  
15 JC for an ID consultation. Respondent ordered a computed tomography (CT) scan guided  
16 aspiration of the right foot that was positive for acid fast bacillus. JC subsequently  
17 developed a left foot drop. Respondent did not address this new finding, perform a  
18 neurological assessment or order a neurology consultation. JC also developed lower  
19 extremity weakness and was later found to have no sensation or motor function in his  
20 lower extremities. JC was discharged and received a subsequent MRI scan at another  
21 hospital that showed Pott's disease, multiple psoas and paraspinal masses with significant  
22 cord compression. JC developed lower extremity paraplegia and incontinence.

23 5. The standard of care requires a physician to perform serial neurological  
24 assessments on a patient admitted with a right foot abscess; to obtain a thorough  
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1 neurological exam, MRI and neurology consultation when the patient develops new  
2 findings of a foot drop, and to obtain an ID consultation when required.

3 6. Respondent deviated from the standard of care because he did not perform  
4 serial neurological assessments and he did not obtain a thorough neurological exam, MRI  
5 and neurology and ID consultations.

6 7. JC developed lower extremity paraplegia and incontinence due to cord  
7 compression. There was potential to miss other infections or lesions of the thoracic spine  
8 and, by sending JC home without appropriate intervention, there was cause for additional  
9 delay in treatment.

10 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

11 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
12 Respondent.

13 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
14 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(q) ("[a]ny conduct or practice that is or might be  
15 harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

16 **ORDER**

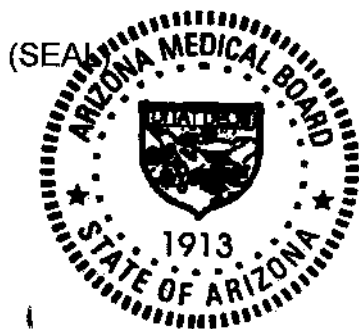
17 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

18 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

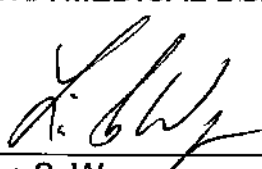
19 2. This Order is the final disposition of case number MD-08-0089B.

20 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2009.

21 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD



23 By

24   
25 Lisa S. Wynn  
Executive Director

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
2 this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009 with:

3 Arizona Medical Board  
4 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road  
5 Scottsdale, AZ 85258

6 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
7 this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 to:

8 Jay Fradkin  
9 Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, PLC  
10 201 E. Washington Street, 11th Floor  
11 Phoenix, Arizona 85004 -2385

12 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
13 this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 to:

14 Angelo M. Ong-Veloso, M.D.  
15 Address of Record

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